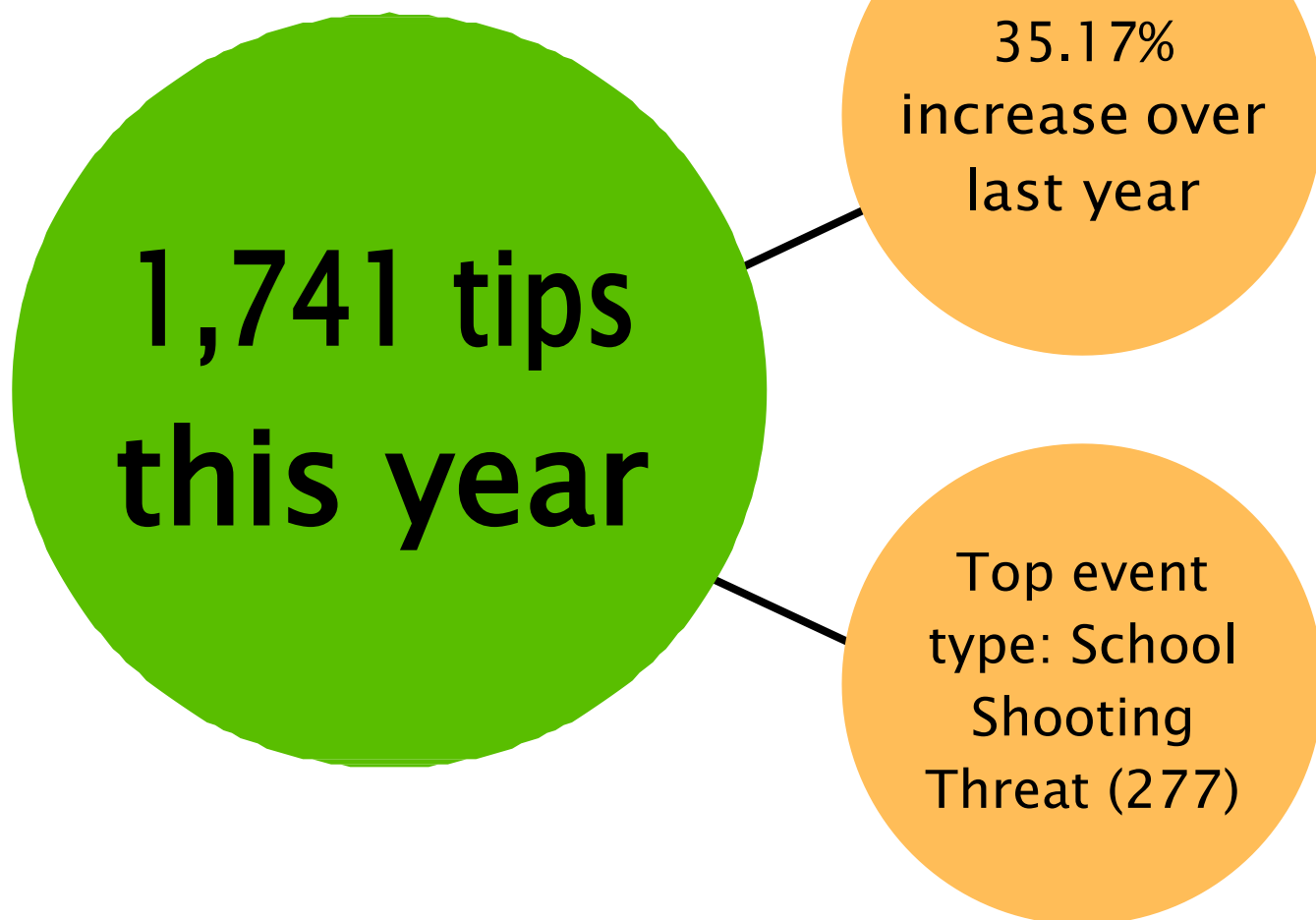


# COURAGE REPORT

Prevent School Violence



**2024 Annual Report**

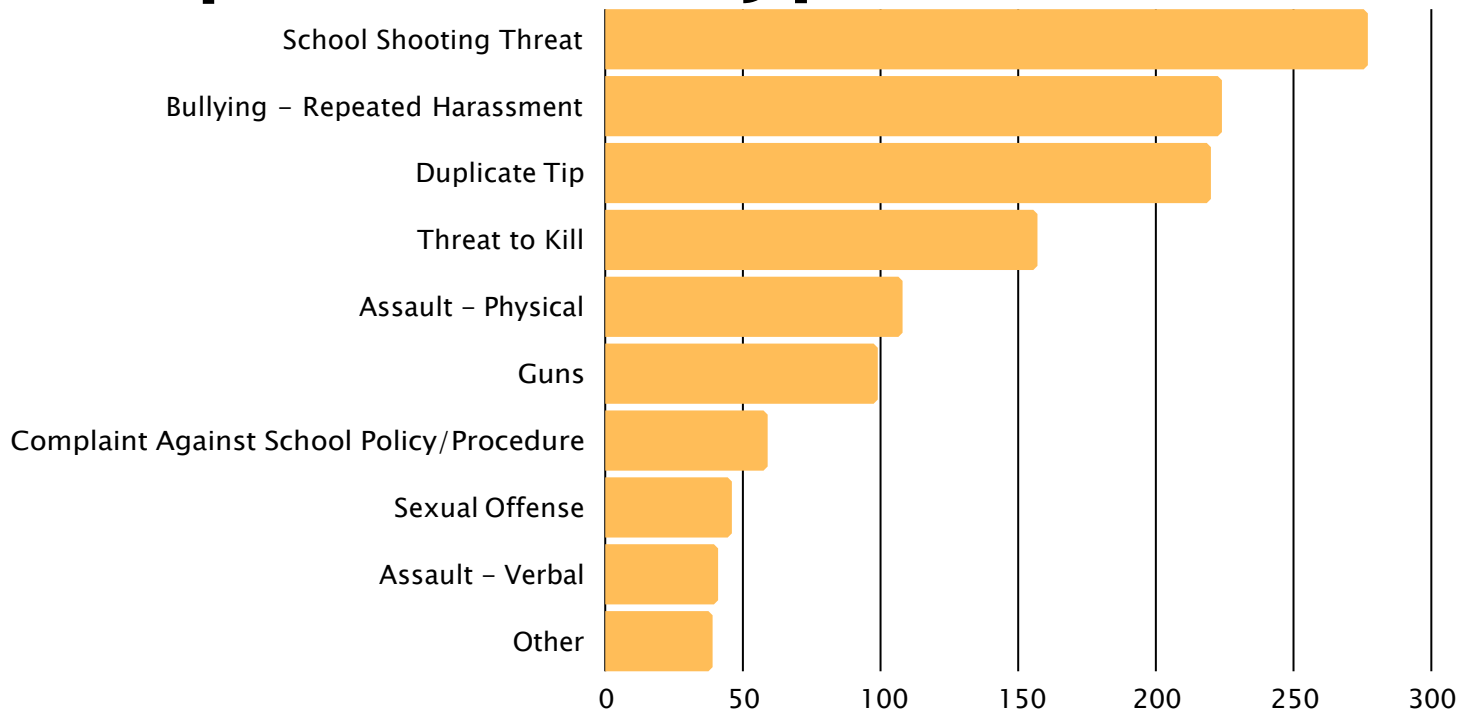


The Courage2Report program saw a significant increase in tip submissions from 2023 to 2024. In 2023, the program received a total of 1,288 tips. This number rose to 1,741 in 2024. This uptick in tips may indicate

- an increase in violence
- a heightened awareness and proactive approach within the community, emphasizing the importance of reporting potential threats and safety concerns.
- the growing trust in the Courage2Report system and its effectiveness in safeguarding schools and providing timely interventions.

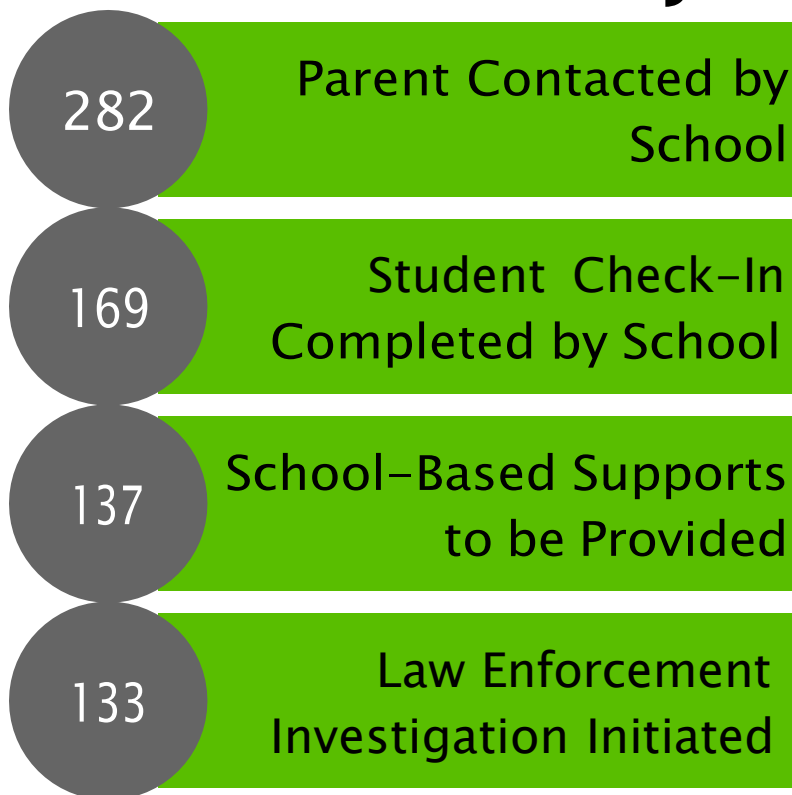
Since its inception in 2019, the Courage2Report program has consistently identified bullying as the most frequently reported tip type. However, in 2024, this trend shifted, with bullying becoming the second most reported issue, accounting for 224 tips. Following the tragic school shooting in September at Apalachee High School in Georgia, numerous states experienced a significant rise in social media threats. Missouri was not exempt from this trend, with a considerable number of the 277 threats of school shootings occurring throughout the month of September.

## Top 10 Event Types for 2024



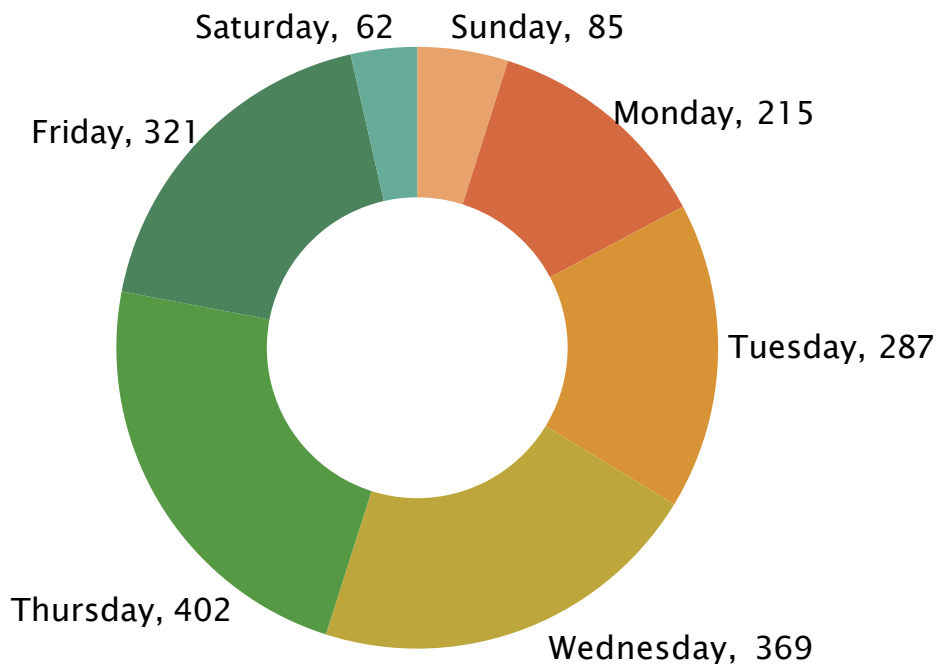
\*Duplicate tips occur when multiple individuals report the same incident. These instances suggest a healthy reporting culture within the school community. The event type labeled as "other" denotes situations or incidents that do not conform to any of the predefined categories.

## Disposition Reporting Included These Safety Checks:



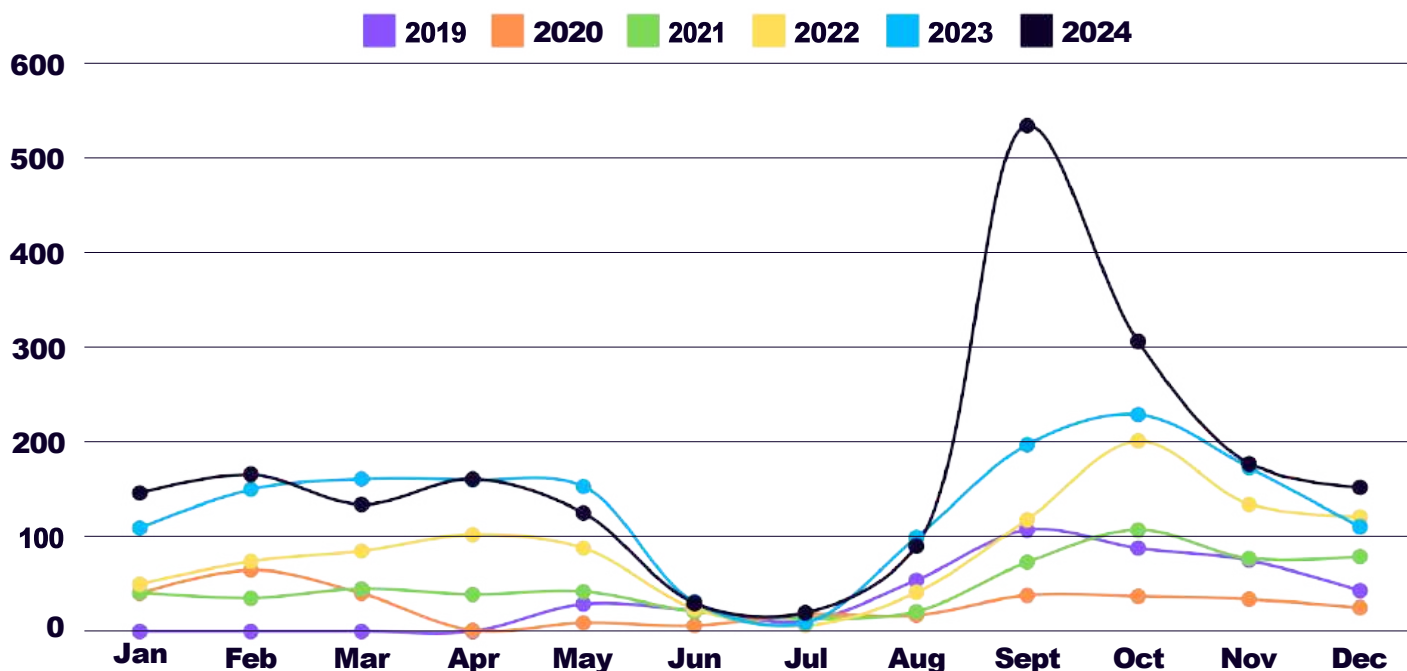
In 2024, a total of **1,410** tips were closed out, indicating that Courage2Report received dispositions from the respective schools or law enforcement agency. However, some of these 1,410 tips could have been tips submitted before 2024.

Additionally, **318** tips were sent for informational purposes which could include duplicate reports or entries made by school administration or law enforcement officers.



In 2024, Thursday was the most popular day for reporting, with **402** tips submitted. Additionally, the majority of reports were received **between 8 AM and 8 PM**. The preferred method of reporting was through PC Web Browser (**602**) followed by Mobile Web Browser (**568**), phone calls (**420**), Mobile App (**95**), and Text (**56**).

## Growth of C2R Tips since 2019





# HANDLE WITH CARE MISSOURI

## PROTECT • HEAL • THRIVE

300  
notifications  
sent this  
year

2.3% increase  
over last year

Statewide  
implementation  
September 1,  
2024

Quick, Easy,  
& Helpful!

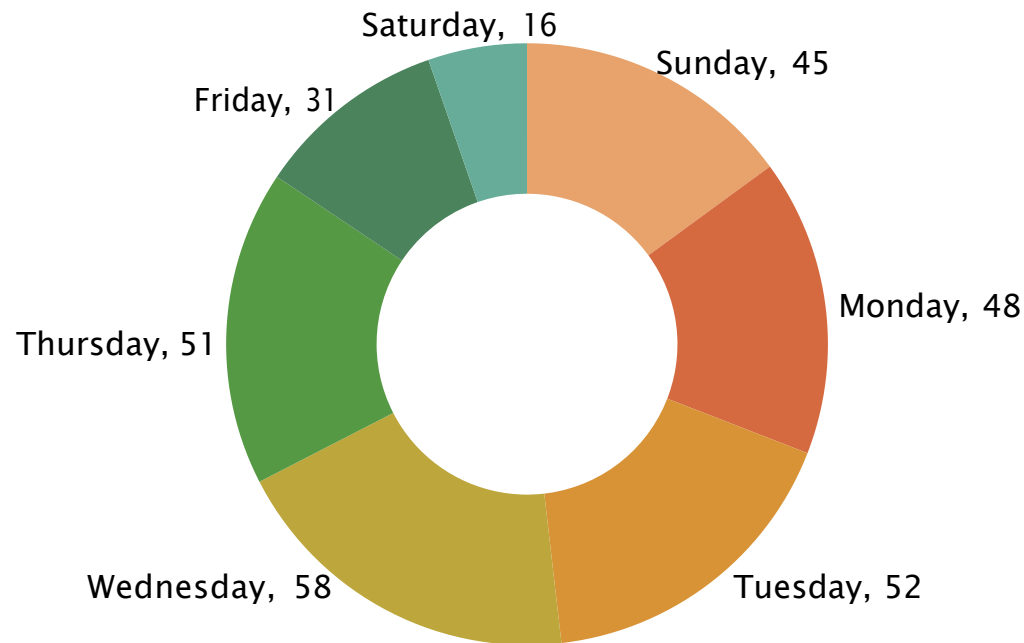
Since the inception of the Handle with Care pilot program in Missouri in 2022, the initiative has expanded significantly, allowing any law enforcement agency within the state to opt in. These notifications are designed to inform schools when a student has been involved in a potentially traumatic situation, ensuring that appropriate support measures can be implemented. *For more information, please contact Tammy Walden, MJJA School Response Coordinator, at [tammy@mjjja.org](mailto:tammy@mjjja.org).*





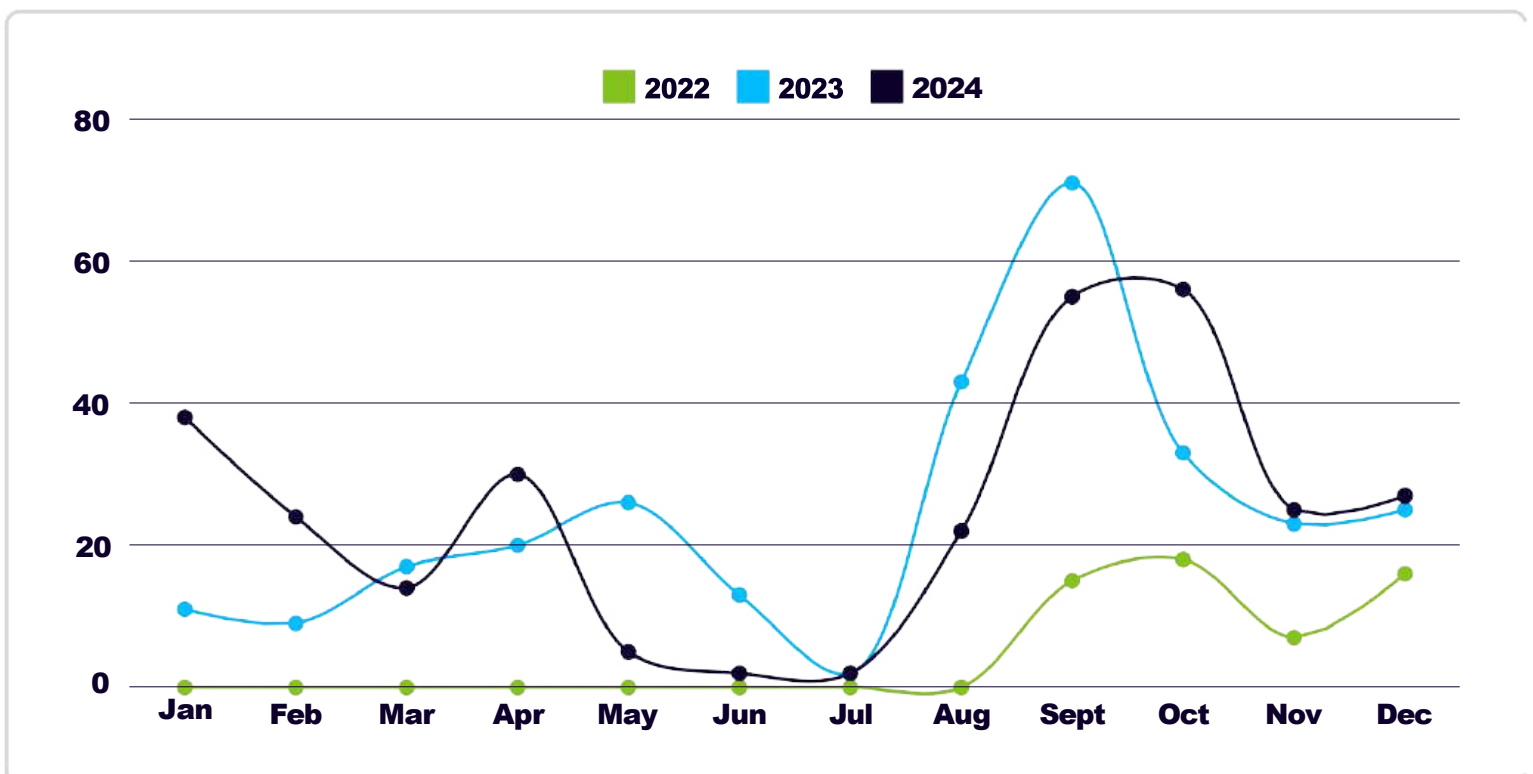
# HANDLE WITH CARE MISSOURI

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In 2024, Wednesday was the most popular day for Handle with Care notifications, with **58** tips submitted. Additionally, the majority of reports were received **between 4 PM and 8 AM**.

## Growth of HWC Tips since 2022



## 2024 Events

In 2024, Courage2Report participated in 26 events. Staff members presented on the program at 16 of those occasions. Overall, approximately 1,600 individuals were informed about Courage2Report throughout the year.

### **Types of Events:**

- Student Events
- Parent Events
- Law Enforcement Events
- Back to School Events
- School Admin Events

If you have an event planned for 2025 or would like to schedule a presentation/training, please email [this completed form](#) to us at [courage2reportmo@mshp.dps.mo.gov](mailto:courage2reportmo@mshp.dps.mo.gov)

